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WASHINGTON D. C. MISSION.

The first Brethren Church in the city of Washington was organized about three months ago. We now have a band of some twenty-five or thirty very earnest Gospel-alone workers in the National Capital, with Brother Lyon as pastor. It should be remembered, however, that this is a mission point and needs the support of the entire church. The whole brotherhood should feel an interest in this mission. It does not belong to any one district or congregation and no one Conference District alone should be asked to support it. It belongs to the whole church—it is a *national* mission. The Philadelphia Church, because of proximity and because its pastor had a part in the organization of this mission, perhaps still more so, because these people *love* mission work, has issued a circular appealing to the whole brotherhood for means with which to support the mission in Washington. We give the circular in full:

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

At a recent meeting of THE BRETHREN CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA, it was decided to assist in collecting money for the support of Washington, D. C., Mission, and to issue an appeal to the Brotherhood, through the EVANGELIST and by direct communication, for contributions for the purpose.

The Washington Mission is not now, and for some time to come will not be, self supporting. In order that the work may go on, it is imperative that financial assistance be rendered. In view of the fact that the National Mission Board, at present, has not sufficient funds available for this purpose, we hereby appeal to all for help.

If you are interested in the establishing of our Church at the National Capital, please send us at once such an amount as you can, and if possible, send us also your pledge of further support. We hope all who can, will respond at once. The matter is very urgent. Use the coupon below. Fill it in and mail it to our Secretary.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN, Pastor.

WM. KOLB, }
JACOB C. CASSEL, } Deacons.

WM. KOLB, JR., Secretary,
2013 Susquehanna Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 30, 1896.

This appeal should have the immediate attention of all our readers. Do what

you can for the cause in Washington. It is a worthy one. The form below is attached to the circular issued by the Philadelphia Church and should be used in making remittance. There are *forty* congregations in the brotherhood each of which can give \$1.00 per month and be *richer* at the end of the year for the giving. Try it.

WM. KOLB, JR., Secretary,
The Brethren Church of Philadelphia,
2103 Susquehanna Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

Enclosed, find \$.....to be used
in maintaining The Brethren Mission at Wash-
ington, D. C.

In addition to the above, I hereby agree
to send you, for the same purpose, at the begin-
ning of each month, \$..... until further
notice.

Full Name,.....

Post Office,.....

County,.....

State,.....

STUDIES IN THE ACTS.

During the year 1897 the Sunday-school lessons will be taken, with few exceptions, from the Acts of the Apostles. This will afford an excellent opportunity to become better acquainted with the workings of the church during the first century of its existence. These lessons will be especially helpful in teaching the doctrine of the Brethren Church. Here we learn how the apostles who were with the Master, understood his teaching. Here too we learn how the great and fundamental principles of the Gospel were gradually developed in the early church. Once more, in the study of the doings of these early missionaries of the cross, we will catch anew the spirit of missions which of late has created such enthusiasm among our people.

Among the more important subjects to be studied during the year are these: The Holy Spirit Given, Conversion of the Three Thousand, The Conversion of the Ethiopian, Saul, the Persecutor Converted, The Conversion of Cornelius, The Gentiles Converted, Paul's First Missionary Journey, A Spurious Conversion, The Conversion of Lydia, The Jailer Converted, Almost Converted. Besides these are the Missionary Journeys of Paul, and other very suggestive subjects. It will be observed that in these studies are included no less than *eight* different conversions. From these we may learn what conversion is, the different steps in conversion, the place of faith, repentance and baptism, in conversion. These studies will be of

special interest to the Brethren Church. Sunday-schools and King's Children Societies should be supplied with extra copies for free distribution. They will do good missionary work and each of our mission points should be furnished several hundred copies for use in their work.

Note a few of the prominent features of the Quarterly for the first quarter, 1897, January to April. There will be specially prepared articles on,

1. The Giving of the Holy Spirit.
2. The Conversion of the Three Thousand.
3. The Conversion of the Ethiopian.
4. The Conversion of Saul of Tarsus.

These topics will appear in the regular lessons, but as they are of special interest and importance, we will give them this extra space. The Quarterly will contain *forty-two* pages of exposition and application of Bible truths—no advertisement except our own. We hope to receive large orders from our schools, and shall be glad to receive single subscriptions. Price, single subscriptions, per year 20 cents, per quarter 5 cents. In clubs of *five* or more, 15 cents per year 4 cents per quarter. The EVANGELIST, *Quarterly* and *King's Children* to one address for \$1.85 cash.

THE MISSIONARY CIRCLE.

One of the most commendable features of the late National Conference was the organization of a Missionary Circle. Brother C. F. Yoder, the General Secretary has been busily engaged since Conference getting the work in shape for the organization of local circles. He has about completed his work and now makes the following announcement to the brotherhood:

Many inquiries are coming in relative to the Missionary Circle. The work has been pushed as rapidly as possible and the work of planning the course has been completed and the necessary literature is now in press. It includes the following:

1. The Missionary Circle. (4 page explanatory tract)
2. The Course of Reading.
3. Constitution. (brief)
4. Suggestions. (On conducting a Circle.)
5. Why Read. (Showing Benefits of the Circle.)
6. Why Organize. (Showing Benefits of Organization.)
7. About the Books. A four page tract giving a description of the books of the entire course.
8. Membership cards.
9. Charters.

Others are in preparation. The above will be printed together as a supplement to the December number of the *King's Children* and sent with